

Merrimack Canal: Merrimack Dam  
Lowell, Massachusetts  
Middlesex County

HAER No. MA-3A

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MASS,  
2-LOW,  
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DATE: 1835

LOCATION: Between Merrimack and Eastern Canals,  
Lowell, Massachusetts

DESIGNED BY: Unknown

OWNER: No longer extant, destroyed 1960s

SIGNIFICANCE: The Merrimack and Rolling Dams (HEAR No. MA-3B) were built as part of the third phase of building of the Lowell Canal System, to provide intermediate levels between the Merrimack Canal, on the upper level, and the Eastern Canal, on the lower level, so that both would be able to discharge through the same wasteway. Researchers are referred to HAER No. MA-1, Lowell Canal System, for more complete information.

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